

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Division for Air Quality**  
***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

FINAL

Title V, Construction / Operating

Permit: V-07-045, Renewal

Trace Die Cast, Inc.

June 24, 2008

Vahid Bakhtiar, Reviewer

SOURCE ID: 21-227-00085

AGENCY INTEREST: 4142

ACTIVITY: APE20070001

**SOURCE DESCRIPTION:**

Trace Die Cast, Inc. melts aluminum ingots before casting them into aluminum parts. Clean aluminum ingots are preheated in a 0.35-mmbtu/hour, natural gas-fired pre-heater before charging them into 6 reverberatory melt furnaces, emission points 101(CF1)-106(CF6). The furnaces are natural gas-fired and have a total melting rate of 13 tons/hour of aluminum ingots. Both emission points 101(CF1) and 102(CF2) have a maximum continuous rating of 8.0 mmbtu/hour each while emission point 103(CF3) is 6.0 mmbtu/hour and 104(CF4), 105(CF5) and 106(CF6) are 10.0 mmbtu/hour. The molten aluminum is fluxed with chloride and fluoride based flux salts. Aluminum dross formed is sent off site for metal recovery. The melted and fluxed aluminum is then transferred to 38 holding furnaces, emission points 201(HF1)-216(HF16), 221(HF21)-225(HF25), 230(HF30)-236(HF36), 241(HF41)-245(HF45), and 251(HF51)-255(HF55) where it is fluxed again using chloride and fluoride based flux salts. The holding furnaces have a maximum holding rate of about 17 tons/hour. Each holding furnace, except for 230(HF30)-233(HF33), has a maximum continuous rating of 0.25 mmbtu/hour. Emission points 230(HF30)-233(HF33) each has a rating of 0.33 mmbtu/hour. Subsequently, the molten aluminum from the holding furnaces is cast into aluminum parts in 38 corresponding die cast machines, emission points 301(DCM1)-316(DCM16), 321(DCM21)-325(DCM25), 330(DCM30)-336(DCM36), 241(DCM41)-245(DCM45), and 251(DCM51)-255(DCM55). Five different casting lubricants, grease, and oil are used in the die cast machines along with water. The aluminum castings are then trimmed by a hydraulic press before they are polished by steel shots in 3 shot blast machines, emission points 501(SB1)-504(SB4), which have a total rate of 6.75 tons/hour of aluminum castings. The effluent water from the die cast machines are evaporated in 6 evaporators, emission points 401(Evap1)-406(Evap6), to separate the oils from the water. The trimmed and shot blasted aluminum scrap is collected and sent back to the melt furnaces to be re-melted. Spent steel shots are collected and disposed of in landfill.

**U.S. EPA REVIEW:**

The U.S. EPA was notified of the issuance of the proposed permit on May 1, 2008 via e-mail. The comment period expired 45 days from the date of e-mail. No comments were received during this period. The permit is now being issued final.